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The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

As you begin crafting the fiscal year 2022 bill, I respectfully request that you give consideration to the following funding priorities:

- 1. I am requesting a fiscal year 2022 funding level of \$1,700,000 for the **Flat Creek Water Reuse Project** as a community project funding request. The intended recipient is the City of Waco located at 300 Austin Ave., Waco, TX 76701. The project would be a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a significant supplemental water supply for the Waco Industrial Complex, enhancing this economic sector of the city and preserving freshwater for drinking and other uses.
- 2. Provide \$18,000,000 for the Clean Water Act Compliance Technical Assistance Program, a new competitive grant program that will allow our smaller rural communities in the 17th Congressional District of Texas to comply with Clean Water Act requirements by providing technical assistance and training on Clean Water Act standards.
- 3. Support the following report language for the Department of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service: "The Committee believes that the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service should develop rules and regulations based on sound science. If regulations and/or rulings made by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have any effect on wildlife found in Sub-Sahara Africa, the Committee directs that no funds can be used to further promulgate and enforce such rules and regulations unless written approval is received from appropriate government officials in each country in Africa where the affected wildlife, wildlife habitat and people are present."

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the projects described above.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Pete Sessions (TX-17) Member of Congress